

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0025], as follows:

[0025] Cartridge 24 generally includes a substantially rectangular cartridge housing that encloses cartridge reel 26 and storage tape 28. Cartridge [[14]] 24 may further include a cartridge door to protect storage tape 28 therein and a cartridge leader (not shown), which is exposed when the door is open. An exemplary storage cartridge that may be used with tape drive 10 and reel driver 108 includes the Super DLTape™ Type I cartridge sold by Quantum Corporation. It should be understood, however, that other magnetic storage devices and drives may be used.

Please amend paragraph [0033], as follows:

[0033] Additionally, ribs 240a, which extend a greater distance in the axial direction towards teeth 241, are circumferentially disposed around hub of motor 230 to improve radial runout during operation. Further ribs 240a are aligned with spline elements, e.g., slots, in reel plate 250 to create a spline joint with reel driver 208. Reel plate 250 is coupled to and rotated by the spindle motor 230 to rotate reel driver 208 through the spline joint. Spindle motor 230 may rotate reel driver 208 when teeth 241 of reel driver 208 engage teeth 227 of supply hub 226 thereby rotating supply hub 226. It should be understood that the spline joint could also be made by slots in reel driver 208 and ribs or protrusion in reel plate 250, or any combination of internal and external spline elements on reel driver 208 and reel plate 250.